SAMPLE: LIBRARY STUDENT OUTREACH AWARD APPLICATION 2011

1. Name: Claire E. Gonzales

2. Library School: University of North Texas

3. Why are you interested in applying for this award (150 words or less)?

The NN/LM South Central Region's Library Student Outreach Award would enable me to gain invaluable information about effective library outreach programs directly from the librarians who are conducting them. I am particularly interested in community outreach by libraries because of my interest in the emerging role of librarians play in disaster and emergency management. In my disaster and emergency management class, I read a number of case studies involving health science librarians in Louisiana and Mississippi who created outreach programs after Hurricane Katrina. These programs, ranging from medical research support for emergency medical personnel to providing operating facilities for first responders, provided critical recovery services. These rapid and effective responses were possible because of good outreach. This award would offer me the opportunity to be exposed to librarians who have enormous expertise in the area in which I hope to pursue my career in health science librarianship.

4. How will you share the information you gain with students or colleagues (150 words or less)?

From my past work as an attorney, I developed the practice of maximizing the resources gained from formal training or professional conferences by immediately preparing it for future use. I would synthesize the information from the SCC/MLA Annual Meeting and place it in my files (both paper and electronic) for future reference. I would be prepared to use the information when participating in school situations, as well as in my future position as a health science librarian. Having already synthesized the information to a reference format, I would be able to easily share the information with my colleagues and classmates. I would also like to make a presentation at UNT LIS All School Day about my experience at the Annual Meeting, what I learned about health information outreach, and the value of this award.